

Harold's Physics of Forces with Pulley "Cheat Sheet"

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| Incline Plane with a Pulley | |
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| Physical Setup | |
| Free Body Diagrams | |
| Givens | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> $m_1 = 560 \text{ g} = 0.560 \text{ kg}$ $\theta = 13.5^\circ$ $\mu_k = 0.003895$ $\mu_{\text{pulley}} = 0$ $m_{\text{string}} = 0 \text{ kg}$ $h_1, h_2, \text{ and } s = \text{ramp leg heights and length}$ </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> $m_2 = 140 \text{ g} = 0.140 \text{ kg}$ $x_0 = 16.2 \text{ cm} = 0.162 \text{ m}$ $x = 78.7 \text{ cm} = 0.787 \text{ m}$ $v_0 = 0.127 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}} = 0.00127 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ $v = 145 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}} = 1.45 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ </div> </div> |
| Observations | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> $g = 9.80 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$ $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{h_2 - h_1}{s} \right)$ </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> $d_1 = d_2$ $v_1 = v_2$ $T_1 = T_2$ $T_1 - T_2 = 0$ </div> </div> |
| Unknowns | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> $T_1 = ? \text{ N}$ $W_{\text{net}} = ? \text{ J}$ $\Delta K = ? \text{ J}$ </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> $T_2 = ? \text{ N}$ $F_a = ? \text{ N}$ $a = ? \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$ </div> </div> |

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| | $\sum \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_a = m\mathbf{a}$ | |
| | $\sum F_{x1} = T_1 - F_{gx1} - F_{\mu_k} = F_a$ $\sum F_{y1} = N - F_{gy1} = 0$ | $\sum F_{x2} = 0$ $\sum F_{y2} = T_2 - F_{gy2} = F_a$ |
| Equations | $F_{g1} = m_1 g$ $F_{gx1} = F_{g1} \sin \theta$ $F_{gy1} = F_{g1} \cos \theta$ $F_{\mu_k} = \mu_k N$ $W_{net} = W_{\mu_1} + W_{g1} + W_{g2} + W_{T1} + W_{T2}$ $W = \mathbf{F} \mathbf{d} \cos \theta$ $\Delta K = K_f - K_0$ $K = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$ $W_{net} = \Delta K$ | $F_{gy2} = m_2 g$ $F_a = M a$ $M = m_1 + m_2$ $d = x - x_0$ |
| Solve 1) Forces | $F_{gx1} = m_1 g \sin \theta$ $F_{gy1} = m_1 g \cos \theta$ $\sum F_{y1} = N - F_{gy1} = 0$ $N = F_{gy1}$ $N = m_1 g \cos \theta$ $F_{\mu_k} = \mu_k N$ $F_{\mu_k} = \mu_k m_1 g \cos \theta$ $\sum F_{x1} = T_1 - F_{gx1} - F_{\mu_k} = F_a$ $F_a = T_1 - F_{gx1} - F_{\mu_k}$ $F_a = T_1 - m_1 g \sin \theta - \mu_k m_1 g \cos \theta$ | $\sum F_{y2} = T_2 - F_{gy2} = -F_a$ $T_2 - F_{gy2} = -F_a$ $-T_2 + m_2 g = F_a$ $F_a = m_2 g - T_2$ $T_1 - T_2 = 0$ $T = T_1 = T_2 $ $F_a = M a$ $F_a = (m_1 + m_2) a$ $a = \frac{F_a}{m_1 + m_2}$ $d = x - x_0 = 0.787 m - 0.162 m$ $d = 0.625 m$ |
| 2) Tension | $T - m_1 g \sin \theta - \mu_k m_1 g \cos \theta = F_a$ $m_2 g - T = F_a$ $T - m_1 g \sin \theta - \mu_k m_1 g \cos \theta = m_2 g - T$ $2 T = m_2 g + m_1 g \sin \theta + \mu_k m_1 g \cos \theta$ $2 T = g [m_2 + m_1 \sin \theta + \mu_k m_1 \cos \theta]$ $T = \left(\frac{g}{2}\right) [m_2 + m_1 \sin \theta + \mu_k m_1 \cos \theta]$ $T = T_1 = T_2 $ | |

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| 3) Work-Energy | $W_{\mu_1} = F_{\mu_k} \mathbf{d} \cos 180^\circ = -F_{\mu_k} \mathbf{d}$ $W_{g_1} = F_{gx1} \mathbf{d} \cos 180^\circ = -F_{gx1} \mathbf{d}$ $W_{g_2} = F_{gy2} \mathbf{d} \cos 0^\circ = F_{gy2} \mathbf{d}$ $W_{T_1} = T_1 \mathbf{d} \cos 0^\circ = T_1 \mathbf{d}$ $W_{T_2} = T_2 \mathbf{d} \cos 180^\circ = -T_2 \mathbf{d}$ $W_{net} = W_{\mu_1} + W_{g_1} + W_{g_2} + W_{T_1} + W_{T_2}$ $W_{net} = -F_{\mu_k} \mathbf{d} - F_{gx1} \mathbf{d} + F_{gy2} \mathbf{d} + T_1 \mathbf{d} - T_2 \mathbf{d}$ $W_{net} = \mathbf{d} [-F_{\mu_k} - F_{gx1} + F_{gy2} + T_1 - T_2]$ $T_1 - T_2 = 0$ $W_{net} = \mathbf{d} [F_{gy2} - F_{\mu_k} - F_{gx1}]$ $W_{net} = \mathbf{d} [m_2 \mathbf{g} - \mu_k m_1 \mathbf{g} \cos \theta - m_1 \mathbf{g} \sin \theta]$ $W_{net} = \mathbf{d} \mathbf{g} [m_2 - \mu_k m_1 \cos \theta - m_1 \sin \theta]$ $\Delta K = K_f - K_0$ $\Delta K = \frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2$ $\Delta K = \frac{1}{2} m (v_f^2 - v_0^2)$ |
| Substitute | $T = \left(\frac{\mathbf{g}}{2}\right) [m_2 + m_1 \sin \theta + \mu_k m_1 \cos \theta] = T_1 = T_2$ $T = \left(\frac{9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}}{2}\right) [(0.140 \text{ kg}) + (0.560 \text{ kg}) \sin 13.5^\circ + (0.003895)(0.560 \text{ kg}) \cos 13.5^\circ]$ $T = T_1 = T_2 = 1.337 \text{ N}$ |
| | $F_a = m_2 \mathbf{g} - T_2$ $F_a = (0.140 \text{ kg}) \left(9.80 \frac{m}{s^2}\right) - 1.337 \text{ N}$ $F_a = 0.0350 \text{ N}$ <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> $F_a = T - m_1 \mathbf{g} \sin \theta - \mu_k m_1 \mathbf{g} \cos \theta$ $F_a = 1.358 \text{ N} - (0.560 \text{ kg}) \left(9.80 \frac{m}{s^2}\right) \sin 13.5^\circ - (0.003895)(0.560 \text{ kg}) \left(9.80 \frac{m}{s^2}\right) \cos 13.5^\circ$ $F_a = 0.0350 \text{ N}$ |
| | $a = \frac{F_a}{m_1 + m_2}$ $a = \frac{0.0350 \text{ N}}{(0.560 \text{ kg}) + (0.140 \text{ kg})}$ $a = 0.0500 \frac{m}{s^2}$ |

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| Substitute | $W_{net} = \mathbf{d g} [m_2 - \mu_k m_1 \cos \theta - m_1 \sin \theta]$ $W_{net} = (0.625 \text{ m}) \left(9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}\right) [0.140 \text{ kg} - (0.003895)(0.560 \text{ kg}) \cos 13.5^\circ - (0.560 \text{ kg}) \sin 13.5^\circ]$ $W_{net} = \mathbf{0.0438 J}$ | |
| | $\Delta K = \frac{1}{2} M (\mathbf{v}_f^2 - \mathbf{v}_0^2)$ $\Delta K = \frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) (\mathbf{v}_f^2 - \mathbf{v}_0^2)$ $\Delta K = \frac{1}{2} (0.560 \text{ kg} + 0.140 \text{ kg}) \left(\left(1.45 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right)^2 - \left(0.00127 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right)^2 \right)$ $\Delta K = \mathbf{0.7359 J}$ | |
| Box Your Answers | $\boxed{T_1 = 1.337 \text{ N}}$ $\boxed{W_{net} = 0.0438 \text{ J}}$ $\boxed{\Delta K = 0.7359 \text{ J}}$ | $\boxed{T_2 = 1.337 \text{ N}}$ $\boxed{F_a = 0.0350 \text{ N}}$ $\boxed{a = 0.0500 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}}$ |
| Check Your Answers | https://amesweb.info/Physics/Inclined-Plane-Calculator.aspx | |
| Analysis | <p><i>Ideally, $W_{net} = \Delta K$</i> $W_{net} = \textit{Theoretical} = 0.0438 \text{ J}$ $\Delta K = \textit{Experimental} = 0.7359 \text{ J}$</p> $\% \textit{ Error} = \left \frac{\textit{Theoretical} - \textit{Experimental}}{\textit{Theoretical}} \right $ $\% \textit{ Error} = \left \frac{W_{net} - \Delta K}{W_{net}} \right (100\%)$ $\% \textit{ Error} = \left \frac{0.0438 \text{ J} - 0.7359 \text{ J}}{0.0438 \text{ J}} \right (100\%)$ $\% \textit{ Error} = \mathbf{1,580 \%}$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Measurements are off by a factor of ~17.</i> • <i>Theoretical value grossly under estimates experimental value.</i> • <i>Probably due mostly to pulley rotational energy not being added to W_{net}.</i> | <p>Possible sources of error:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The pulley really does have friction. [The pulley friction pulls Work (-W) out of the system in the form of heat energy] 2. The pulley spins and has rotational energy. [$K = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$ should be added to W_{net}] 3. The string really does have mass. [$W = \mathbf{F d} = (m_1 + m_2 + m_{string}) \mathbf{g d}$] 4. Accumulating string mass contributes to vertical W_{Fgy}. [$F_{gy2} = (m_2 + m_{string}) \mathbf{g}$] 5. Gravity ($\mathbf{g}$) varies by altitude and geo location. [9.8 vs. 9.81] 6. Measuring equipment margin of error. [± 0.0001] 7. Human error in measurements. [± 0.01] 8. Air resistance as the masses move. |